

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 09/728,187 Confirmation No. 4508  
Applicant : Mark G. Crawford et. al. Filed : December 1, 2000  
Examiner : Basil S. Katcheves TC/A.U.: 3635  
Docket No. : SST-1083 Customer No.: 00498

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

This amendment is being submitted in response to the Examiner's office action dated August 18, 2008. Applicant petitions for a three-month extension of time herewith, extending the deadline for replying to January 18, 2009. Since January 18, 2009 is a Sunday, and the following Monday, January 19, 2009, was the day the country observed Martin Luther King day – a federal holiday, and the following Tuesday, January 20, 2009, was the day of the inauguration of President Obama – also a federal holiday, this amendment is being timely submitted on the following business day, Wednesday, January 21, 2009. See 37 CFR 1.7 and MPEP 710.05.

**Petition for Extension of Time**

Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 for three (3) months. The fee under 37 CFR § 1.17 is attached hereto. If the enclosed amount is incorrect, the commissioner is permitted to charge any required extension and/or deficiency or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 03-4075 (Attorney Docket No. SST/1083).

**Amendments to the Application:**

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

The remarks section begins on page 15 of this paper.